

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1851
OFFERED BY MR. LYNCH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Page 37, strike line 10 and insert the following:

1 SEC. 12. RENT BURDENS.

Page 37, line 11, before “Section” insert “(a) RE-VIEWS.—”.

Page 37, line 22, before the period insert “and such percentage that pay more than 40 percent of their adjusted incomes for rent”.

Page 38, line 20, strike the closing quotation marks and the last period.

Page 38, after line 20, insert the following:

2 “(iii) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY RE-
3 SPONSIBILITIES.—Each public housing
4 agency shall make publicly available the in-
5 formation on rent burdens provided by the
6 Secretary pursuant to clause (i), and, for
7 agencies located in metropolitan areas, the
8 information on concentration provided by
9 the Secretary pursuant to clause (ii). If the
10 percentage of families paying more than 30

1 percent or 40 percent of income exceeds
2 the national average for either of such cat-
3 egories, as reported pursuant to clause (i),
4 the public housing agency shall adjust the
5 payment standard to eliminate excessive
6 rent burdens within a reasonable time pe-
7 riod or explain its reasons for not making
8 such adjustment. The Secretary may not
9 deny the request of a public housing agen-
10 cy to set a payment standard up to 120
11 percent of the fair market rent to remedy
12 rent burdens in excess of the national aver-
13 age or undue concentration of families as-
14 sisted under this subsection in lower rent,
15 higher poverty sections of a metropolitan
16 area except on the basis that an agency
17 has not demonstrated that its request
18 meets these criteria. If a request of a pub-
19 lic housing agency has not been denied or
20 approved with 45 days after the request is
21 made, the request shall be considered to
22 have been approved.”.

Page 38, before line 21, insert the following:

23 (c) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLAN.—Section
24 5A(d)(4) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42

1 U.S.C. 1437c–1(d)(4)) is amended by inserting before the
2 period at the end the following: “, including the report
3 with respect to the agency furnished by the Secretary pur-
4 suant to section 8(o)(1)(E) concerning rent burdens and,
5 if applicable, geographic concentration of voucher holders,
6 any changes in rent or other policies the public housing
7 agency is making to address excessive rent burdens or con-
8 centration, and if the public housing agency is not adjust-
9 ing its payment standard, its reasons for not doing so.”.

10 (d) RENT BURDENS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABIL-
11 ITIES.—Subparagraph (D) of section 8(o)(1) is amended
12 by inserting before the period at the end the following:
13 “, except that a public housing agency may establish a
14 payment standard of not more than 120 percent of the
15 fair market rent where necessary as a reasonable accom-
16 modation for a person with a disability, without approval
17 of the Secretary. A public housing agency may seek ap-
18 proval of the Secretary to use a payment standard greater
19 than 120 percent of the fair market rent as a reasonable
20 accommodation for a person with a disability”.

Page 36, after line 4, insert the following:

21 “(vi) Reasonableness of rent burdens,
22 consistent with public housing agency re-
23 sponsibilities under section
24 8(o)(1)(E)(iii).”.

Page 36, line 5, strike “(vi)” and insert “(vii)”.